

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application received 5/18/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/18/05; 4/11/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art (Gale being the closest reference discloses color display system with spatial light modulator having color-to-color variations in data sequencing) fails to disclose the following combination of limitations for displaying a first and second incoming pictures in sequence comprising, separating the first picture into sets of first picture segments, each set associated with a different primary color; interleaving the first picture segments in a first color sequence; separating the second picture into sets of second picture segments, each set associated with a different primary color; interleaving the second picture segments in a second color sequence in which at least the first and last second picture segments are each of different color than the first and last first picture segments, respectively, and sequentially displaying the first picture segments in the first color sequence; and thereafter sequentially displaying, as in claim 1; a method for successively displaying color pictures such that each picture appears during a picture interval, comprising, separating each successive picture into sets of segments, the number of sets of segments corresponding to a prescribed number of primary colors; imparting each of the primary colors in a prescribed sequence to a beam of light directed onto a light modulator, said each primary color imparted simultaneously with the application of a control signal to the light modulator causing the light modulator to

modulate the segment of the primary color for display on a display screen; and changing the sequence of primary colors imparted to the light directed onto the light modulator upon each next successive picture so that the primary color associated with at least a first and a last segment of said each next successive picture differs from the primary color associated with each of the first and last segments, respectively, of a preceding picture, as in claim 7; and, a sequential color display system for displaying successive pictures, comprising: a light source for producing a light beam; a light modulator lying within the optical path of the light beam for modulating the light beam onto a display screen; means for separating each successive picture into sets of segments, the number of sets of segments corresponding to a prescribed number of primary colors, and for applying control signals to a light modulator to cause the light modulator to generate said sets of segments such that each segment of a set is interleaved between segments of other sets; a color sequencing mechanism interposed between the light source and the light modulator for imparting to the light beam each of the primary colors in a prescribed sequence, said each primary color imparted simultaneously with the application of said each segment to the modulator, the color sequencing mechanism changing the sequence of primary colors imparted to the light directed onto the light modulator upon each next successive picture so that the primary color associated with at least a first and a last segment of said each next successive picture each differs from the primary color associated with each of the first and last segments, respectively, of a preceding picture, as in claim 10.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gale, 5,909,204, discloses color display system with spatial light modulator(s) having color-to-color variations in data sequencing.

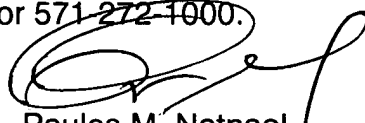
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paulos M. Natnael whose telephone number is (571) 272-7354. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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